

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1767 - HB 2134

February 20, 2014

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Defines “top level government official” as any of the following: the Governor, Speaker of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Secretary of State, Comptroller of the Treasury, Treasurer, and the State Homeland Security Advisor. Authorizes any top level government official to request that a background check be conducted on any person who has or may come into unsupervised access with any sensitive information or identifying information, including any such information that may be at the private residence of the official, in the motor vehicle of the official or is otherwise the personal property of a top level government official. Such background investigation shall, at least, consist of fingerprint check against state and federal criminal history records maintained by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Any request for a background investigation shall be in writing and specifically state the reasons for such request. A top level government official may have an agent or designee make any such request on the official’s behalf.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Other Fiscal Impact – The exact fiscal impact cannot be determined because it is unknown how many background checks will be requested as a result of the bill. Any agency requesting the checks will have sufficient funds within existing resources to cover the cost of the investigations without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.**

Assumptions:

- TBI background checks cost \$42 each.
- Due to unknown factors, the number of background checks to be requested per year is unable to be determined; however, it is assumed the number of background check requests will be minimal in any given year.
- Any authorized official making the request will have sufficient funding to cover the cost of the background check within the agency’s existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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